

The Oregon Apple Man

Reading horticultural commission literature pertaining to the state of Oregon, or having even a passing knowledge of the facts of which this literature treats, there is no escape from the conviction that the Oregon apple man has every reason to be satisfied with what he has done and what he expects to do. Take the statement of Horticultural Commissioner Carson of the third horticultural district, and we have a comprehensible summary of the Oregon apple man's felicitation. Mr. Carson asks: If there is any competition between Oregon fruit and the fruit of the East, why is it that the Eastern fruitgrowers sell a barrel of their best quality apples, containing two and one-half bushels for less than Oregon growers sell a single box containing one bushel?

The Oregon apple men have been aware for some time that there is no possible competition between the fruit of the two sections. The fancy prices he has received for his apples in London and European markets, to say nothing of New York, has been the assurance of the superiority of Oregon fruits. This one fact, more pronouncedly perhaps than any other, has established Oregon's reputation as the land of the apple. The Oregon apple man has profited by it beyond any other apple man in country, as his bank account will show. And there is opportunity in the state for a multiplication of his tribe.

We may safely say that the cultivation of this one staple fruit will always be one of its chief industries of the state. In its future there is an almost inconceivable warranty of wealth to the state, and of profit and content to the individual. The Oregon apple if properly presented is one of the strongest inducements for emigration among the Western homeseeking people of the East—Evening Telegram.

May Alter School System

If a measure proposed by the county superintendents of Oregon becomes a state law, the government or supervision of the public schools especially in the rural districts, will be revolutionized. The measure provides for the abolition of districts and makes the county the unit of school taxation and organization.

According to the new measure, the sub-districts in the various counties will be abolished and with them the district directors. In place of district directors, a county school board of five members will be elected. To guard against a majority of the members of this county board coming from one section of a county, provision will be made similar to the restriction thrown around the election of supervisors or county commissioners. This board will be given the entire supervision of the rural schools, the cities being left in charge of their schools. Instead of the county superintendent being elective as at present, he will be hired by the county board the same as city superintendents are engaged by city school boards.

One feature of the new system is that the rural schools will be located in the centers of population where they will accommodate the greatest number instead of being located by districts as at present. It is claimed that this provision will eliminate the present trouble of building and maintaining district schools where there are only one or two pupils.

County Superintendent W. H. Lutch of Coos county, who was in Marshfield Tuesday, said that he had studied the proposed measure considerably and that it appeared to be a good thing. He said that while it would be revolutionary in a way that it was certain to eliminate many of the drawbacks that now prevent the accomplishment of the best results in rural schools—Sentinel.

Girl in Tree Top For Twenty-Four Hours

Lamar, Colo., Oct. 21—Almost dead from exposure, Miss Hazel Downing was rescued today from a

tree on Big Sandy creek near here, where she had spent 24 hours after a terrible experience in the flood that has swelled the Arkansas river and spread devastation along its course.

Miss Downing with Mrs. James Hoselton and Charles Morris, was trying to ford the stream in a buggy when the waters swept the buggy down the stream. Miss Downing clung to the branch of a tree and saved her life. The others in the buggy are believed to have been drowned.

Three Mexicans who accompanied the party in another rig are also believed to have been drowned. The flood swept the whole territory drained by the upper Arkansas river Monday and Tuesday.

Oregon as a Dairy State

Oregon prides herself on the fact that it is a great dairy state, but to have a disinterested outsider declare that the coast is the ideal dairying section will probably have greater weight with other outsiders. President F. H. Scribner of the Wisconsin Butter-makers' Association and breeder of Loretta D., the Ladd jersey that won the first prize in the 120-day milking test at the St. Louis exposition, has said: "There is no spot in our great United States that can excel Oregon and Washington in dairying. This is my conclusion after spending six weeks in the former state and thoroughly investigating several of her beautiful valleys, and after an extended trip through Washington, I wish to say to the dairyman and farmers of this section, relative to its dairy possibilities, that I fear they don't fully appreciate the wonderful opportunity here for the raising of feeds best adapted to the dairy industry, and the excellent climatic conditions for the growth and development of stock. You should here reach the climax of productiveness." Mr. Scribner's Wisconsin farm of eighty acres supports, under his skilled management, ninety head of stock.

Bombards Claim-Jumper

San Bernardino, Cal., Oct. 20—R. L. Monroe, a well known mining man, was bombarded with a rifle by Harvey Phillips, a desert miner, yesterday four miles south of where Bill McKee killed Dr. Nathaniel Kunz and Radolph Albers over mining troubles two weeks ago.

Monroe had located some claims abandoned by Phillips, who was returning from a prospecting trip. Phillips opened fire with a Winchester at 500 feet, three shots striking the cabin about Monroe's head. He dropped to the ground and crawled into the cabin, where he armed himself with a shotgun. Three more shots from Phillips led Monroe to display the white flag on a broom handle and he was allowed to leave. The sheriff sent a posse after Phillips.

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Judge's Sympathy With the Hyena

New York, Oct. 21—The suit of Miss Anna Richardson against Frank C. Bostock for \$15,000 damages for the loss of part of the index finger of her left hand has been dismissed by Judge Martin in the supreme court in Brooklyn.

It was back in the summer of 1900 while the plaintiff was a visitor at the Bostock wild beast show at Coney Island that the mishap befell her, a hyena, since dead, having bit her hand as she was pushed against the cage. Justice Martin said that

exhibitions of such animals are permitted but people need not go to see them.

"There is nothing here to show that any negligence existed on the part of the defendant," says the judge. "I think it cruel to look upon caged wild animals. I shall dismiss the complaint. I am sorry the plaintiff was injured, but my sympathy is with the hyena."

Thaw Stays in Asylum

Pittsburg, Oct. 20—In the Federal Court here today Judge Young dismissed the writ of habeas corpus requiring the presence of Harry K. Thaw in this city. This means that Thaw will not be brought here at present.

It is intimated by Thaw's counsel that they will appeal.

The writ dismissed today was that recently issued by United States Judge Archbold, of Scranton, Pa., against Superintendent Lamb of the New York State Hospital for the Criminal Insane, which ordered the presence in this city of Thaw to testify in bankruptcy proceedings.

In his decision, Judge Young held that if Thaw's evidence is necessary, his deposition can be taken without bringing him here.

Plans Miles of Railway

Condon, Ore., Oct. 21—The directors of the Wasco County Electric & Water Power company held a meeting here last night. The survey of the first section, made by Shipman, Denny & Ryan, was submitted and met the approval of the directors. The heavy timber through which the survey runs will furnish a large tonnage and it also touches some of the finest fruit lands in Oregon.

A map of the definite location of the damsite and power plant on the Deschutes and John Day rivers has been made and filed with the department of the interior. The lines projected extend over 300 miles, through Gilliam, Wheeler, Crook and Wasco counties, and the power plants will give 100,000 horse power.

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